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In re the Application of:) Group Art Unit: 2815
Ito et al.)
Serial No. 09/801,025) Examiner: Jackson Jr., Jerome
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For: DRIVER CIRCUITS AND METHODS)
FOR MANUFACTURING DRIVER)
CIRCUITS)

TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In accordance with 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, enclosed please find Form PTO-1449 listing the attached references which might be deemed material to the examination of the above-identified application.

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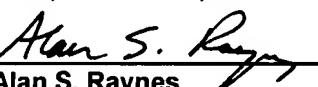
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